

### **ATTACHMENT 3**

To: Members, Water Use Efficiency Subcommittee  
From: Tom Gohring  
Date: January 8, 2003  
Re: Update: WUE-Related Activities

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Attached please find a table providing brief updates on key WUE-related activities.

FOR DISCUSSION AT 1/17/03 WUE SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING

<b>CALFED Water Use Efficiency Program</b>		
<b>Schedule, Priorities &amp; Progress To-Date for Reports to BDPAC</b>		
<b>Item</b>		<b>Progress To-Date (as of 1/8/03)</b>
<b>Topics Expected to Require Full Discussion at BDPAC</b>		
1.	WUE Finance Proposal (including recommendations for distribution of funding across WUE components)	* WUE Subcommittee reviewed and revised draft Policy Principles and Associated Activities at November meeting; minor revisions suggested. Document to be finalized at January '03 meeting
2.	Establish Agricultural WUE Milestones Comprehensive and supportable assurances of high agricultural water use efficiency	* Final Staff Proposal discussed as part of BD-PAC overall balance discussions in December; staff directed to undertake work associated with tracking milestones
3.	A consensus definition of appropriate measurement of water use and, as necessary, draft legislation	* Continuing planning/technical work related to agricultural water measurement; staff proposing series of teleconferences with Panel, rather than third session, in January-February 2003 * Staff proposing to convene Work Group in February to discuss urban measurement approach * D. Mitchell compiling technical data describing current practices and likely costs and benefits associated with urban water use measurement
4.	Recommendation on a credible, draft certification process ("framework") for urban BMPs; may be paired with recommendations on ag WUE assurances. (Implementation issues, such as Program-wide balance, to be addressed within BD-PAC.)	* Discussed briefly at BD-PAC December meeting; staff directed to move forward with outstanding technical tasks * Further discussions with CALFED leadership, key agencies required to resolve issues related to, among other things, regulatory nature of proposed approach and adequacy of incentives
5.	Methods and approaches for integrating WUE with the CALFED Science Program (including development of performance measures and adaptive management methods for WUE) and CALFED's water management strategy	* Work Group convened in November to discuss elements necessary to incorporate into the WUE Element; broad outlines of approach agreed to * WUE Program continuing to work with DWR staff to develop concrete approach to implementing key science tasks: WUE Science Application Committee; WUE Science Panel; past/future conservation estimates
6.	Comprehensive 4-year WUE evaluation	* Pending; WUE Science Panel expected to help develop process
<b>Topics Requiring Abbreviated Discussion at BDPAC</b>		
A)	Selection criteria and priorities for incentive program (Loans and Grants)	* Pending; draft criteria and priorities to be developed in advance of next funding round
B)	Emphasis, priorities, and general approach to technical assistance and research	* Pending
C)	A process for refining Quantifiable Objectives	* Tech consultants continuing work on Quantifiable Objectives
D)	A framework to evaluate the cost effectiveness of urban BMPs and an Appropriate definition of "At Least As Effective As" for implementing urban BMPs	* California Urban Water Conservation Council working on technical approach; draft urban certification framework calls on process to be completed by end of 2003
E)	Methods and approaches for coordination among CALFED agencies and stakeholders	* Ongoing discussions with CALFED agency partners
F)	Review of CALFED annual report on WUE	* Pending; to be discussed with WUE Subcommittee meeting